

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Location of Detective Ivan R. Stephens
at the time of the shooting of
Oswald, November 24, 1963.


Sir:

The following is a report submitted by Detective Ivan R. Stephens regarding his activities on November 24, 1963 at the time of the incident at the basement.

At about 11:15 a.m., November 24, 1963, Lieutenant Swain ordered me to the basement of the City Hall to aid in the transfer of the prisoner, Lee Harvey Oswald to the County Jail. I went to the basement and remained in the lobby in front of the jail office when the homicide men brought Oswald down on the inside jail elevator and started to the East Jail Door that leads to the parking area. These door were open at the time. I was behind the pressmen that were taking picture through the Cashier's Doors of the jail, and I remained behind these pressmen and photographers in order to keep out any unauthorized persons that might attempt to come in behind the prisoner through the lobby.

I heard the shot and heard someone cry that the prisoner had been shot. I did not see the scene and was about forty feet from where the prisoner was shot. I saw the detectives carry Oswald inside the jail office and also saw some detectives attempting to carry a man inside of the jail office that was the one someone had said had shot the prisoner. I attempted to help these men get the prisoner inside the office. As soon as the prisoner was secured, I walked over where Oswald was lying on the floor, and saw a bullet hole in his left side as he was lying on the floor. He appeared to be conscience at the time and city doctor was called and was working on him when the ambulance came for him. I returned to the third floor for further assignment.

Respectfully submitted,


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